

TRUE EVANGELISM

DESCRIBING THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

*"watch thou in all things, endure afflictions,
do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."*

~ 2 Timothy 4:5

1. The Work of an Evangelist

- a. Our study and rightly dividing the word of truth has a purpose – 2 Tim 2:15
- b. Paul tells Timothy to do the work of an evangelist - 2 Tim 4:5
- c. The word means to deliver the message of good news – Luke 2:10, Rom 10:15
- d. Evangelism is preaching the gospel - Rom 1:15, 1 Cor 9:16
- e. God has committed unto us the word of reconciliation – 2 Cor 5:18-21
- f. There are 100 ways to do it, but the right ways include a clear gospel
- g. *"I like the way I do it, better than the way you don't."* – Mr. Moody
- h. True evangelism is personal, it is natural, it is Biblical, it is clear.

2. Evangelism is Personal

- a. Evangelism is frightening when you're not invested in the message
- b. People will be saved, but do not do the work to see others saved – 1 Tim 2:4
- c. It comes from a love of the truth – 2 Thess 2:10
- d. You will trade personal profit for the profit of others - 1 Cor 10:33, 2 Cor 12:15
- e. The duty, love, and personal sacrifice is the attitude of a parent - 1Thes 2:8-12

3. Evangelism is Natural

- a. Not methods or rote formulas: 4 spiritual laws, Romans road, good person test
- b. Where does the Bible say to "get a decision", "raise your hand", "come down front"
- c. It is not prerequisite for salvation, nor sign of maturity, it's a good work – Eph 2:10
- d. Good works occur when the word works in you – 2 Tim 3:17, Philemon 6
- e. People don't want to be the "do-gooder", "preacher", "religious nut", "too churchy"
- f. People evangelize all the time: about politics, sports, health matters, restaurants
- g. Be who God made you in Christ, not what the world wants you to be.

4. Evangelism is Biblical

- a. Evangelism must be Biblical: most church functions are not evangelistic
- b. There is dispensational evangelism: time past evangelism is different than now
- c. Israel's was the law of God, righteous nation, lifestyle – Deu 6:25, Matt 5:16
- d. Ours is through preaching, not law, nation, or our righteousness – 1 Cor 1:21

5. Evangelism Must Be Clear

- a. You know the gospel (1 Cor 15:1-4, Rom 4:24-25), speak it clearly – 1 Cor 2:2
- b. Better to be clear and get rejected, than to be vague and make it harder later
- c. Bait and switch is confusing; "Jesus loves you" doesn't mention the cross
- d. Salvation is when they trust what Christ did for them by the cross – Eph 1:13
- e. Right division clarifies the gospel, which is not lifestyle, kingdom, or covenant
- f. *Warning:* if you are clear, you may appear foolish... 1 Cor 1:18, 1:23
- g. 'Foolishness' is not silly, it is humility, and standing for truth instead of reputation
- h. Paul was a fool for Christ's sake, he said to follow me - 1 Cor 4:7-10, 16